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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON USG PROPOSAL FOR SOUTH LEBANON

1. YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO HOST GOVERNMENT AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL:

-- USG IS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION IN LEBANON, AS IT WAS OVER THE TERRORIST ATTACK INSIDE ISRAEL WHICH PRECEDED IT. WE ISSUED A STATEMENT ON MARCH 16 DEPLORING THE SUFFERING TO INNOCENT PERSONS CAUSED BY VIOLENCE.

-- WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO ISRAELIS THAT WE EXPECT THEM TO WITHDRAW FROM LEBANON AND ARE CONSULTING CLOSELY WITH THEM TO ACHIEVE THIS.

-- HOWEVER, WITHDRAWAL BY ITSELF WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. ARRANGEMENTS NEED TO BE MADE TO PREVENT SOUTHERN LEBANON FROM AGAIN BECOMING A BATTLEGROUND WITH ALL THE RISKS THIS CARRIES FOR LEBANON'S INTEGRITY AND STABILITY. WE THEREFORE ARE CONSULTING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS ABOUT POSSIBLE UN PEACEKEEPING ROLE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. FORCE WOULD BE CHARGED WITH PATROLLING THE BUFFER ZONE ALONG THE LEBANESE

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BORDER AND PREVENTING INCURSIONS FROM EITHER SIDE.

2. YOUR AIM IN MAKING THIS DEMARCHE WILL BE TO SECURE BACKING OF HOST GOVERNMENT FOR PROPOSAL FOR A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR SOUTHERN LEBANON, OR AT A MINIMUM TO PREVENT HOST GOVERNMENT FROM ACTIVELY OPPOSING THE IDEA. YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS:

-- USG EFFORTS TO GET ISRAELIS OUT OF LEBANON WILL BE HINDERED, AND AT BEST PROCESS WILL BE MADE MORE DIFFICULT UNLESS SOME MEANS OF STABILIZING SOUTHERN LEBANON IS IN PROSPECT.

-- EVEN IF ISRAELIS WITHDRAW, UNLESS SOMETHING LIKE UN PRESENCE IS ESTABLISHED IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THEY WILL AGAIN MOVE IN IF ATTACKED FROM ACROSS BORDER. REPEATED ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION CAN ONLY BRING DISRUPTION AND DESTRUCTION TO LEBANON AND SERVES NEITHER LEBANON'S INTERESTS NOR THOSE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

-- THE UN FORCE PROPOSAL OFFERS POSSIBILITY OF STABILIZING THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON TO PERMIT RESTORATION OF

LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. THE FORCE WOULD BE PHASED OUT AND REPLACED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY LEBANESE ARMY UNITS. IT WOULD NOT BE A PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT.

3. YOU SHOULD REQUEST HOST GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IN UN FOR A UN PEACEKEEPING ROLE FOR SOUTH LEBANON.

4. ABOVE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTS THAT RECEIVED STATE 68560 (IO CABLE) FOR ACTION. THOSE WHICH RECEIVED STATE 68560 FOR INFO MAY DRAW ON IT FOR SUPPLEMENTARY BACKGROUND TO THIS MESSAGE AS APPROPRIATE.  
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